

I am writing you today, to add my voice of support to the merger of EchoStar and Directv. The merger will help end the strangle hold that cable companies now have.

Much money was spent to figure out a way to end the monopolistic practices of Microsoft Corp., yet the cable companies combined are a much larger monopoly.

Here in the Las Vegas Valley, Cox Communications is the cable monopoly and they are NOT a good neighbor. Example: Recently, the FCC has made a ruling that would allow the cable companies to stop charging for a franchise fee. This amounts to a \$2-3 savings for the cable internet subscribers. So Cox Communications is going to pass on that savings, but not until after they raised the rates of internet access by \$5.

You must give us the choice of cable or satellite! Right now, local stations are only available on cable here in the Las Vegas area, and broadband internet is also only available through cable. You must make this merger happen in order to allow the satellite provider to offer internet and local network stations in all area's of the country. I will be following this merger closely and expect you to do the right thing.

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YES I AM AN ACTIVE VOTER!